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Health Data User Survey

You are invited to participate in a brief, 5-minute health data user survey that will help the National Center of Health Statistics (NCHS) understand your health data needs and better deliver health data products and services. NCHS, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provides health data and statistics to inform the public and guide program and policy decisions to improve our nation's health. Your participation is extremely important to us and the information you provide will be used to improve health statistics products and services.

This survey will NOT capture any personally identifiable information. All submissions are voluntary and anonymous. All information will be treated in a secure manner. Thank you for your assistance.

NOTICE - Public reporting burden of this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, and completing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: CDC/ATSDR Information Collection Review Office; 1600 Clifton Road, MS D-74, Atlanta, GA 30333, ATTN: PRA (0920-0729).

Item #	Question	Response Options	SKIPs/Comments
1	Which of the following health topics are of most interest to you? (check all that apply)	Asthma / Respiratory Health Births / Fertility Diet / Nutrition Exercise / Physical Activity Heart Health / Cardiac Health Care Use / Access Health Care Costs / Expenditures Health Insurance Infectious Diseases Life Expectancy Mental Health	SKIPS/Comments
		Mortality / Cause of Death Obesity / Overweight	

		Opioid Use / Drug Overdose Smoking / Tobacco Use Other (please specify)		
2	How do you prefer health data to be made available? (Select your top choice)	Data files for analysis; I like to do my own statistical analyses. Simple summary tables; I like to look up statistics without additional text or interpretation. Simple graphics; I like to visualize data with pre-prepared graphics. Interactive data tools; I like to customize the way I view data. In-depth report; I like to read more about the context and meaning of the statistics. Other (specify)		
3	Do you do your own statistical analyses using analytic software?	Yes No	If no, SKIP Q5	
4	What is your preferred analytical software?	SAS STATA SPSS Excel R or R Studio N/A Other (please specify)		
5	Have you ever used any data or publications from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)?	Yes No		
If Q5 No, SKIP Q14 If Q5 Yes, continue to Q6				

6	Are you familiar with any of these NCHS publications ? (Check all that apply)	Data Briefs Health E-Stats Health, United States Healthy People National Health Statistics Reports National Vital Statistics Reports Vital and Health Statistics Series Vital Statistics Rapid Release Visual Abstracts I don't know of any of these publications Other (specify)	
7	How often have you used any NCHS data or publications in the past 12 months?	1-2 times 3-6 times 7-10 11 or more times	
8	Did you access the NCHS data or publications through one of the following? (Check all that apply)	NCHS Website Research Data Center (RDC) CDC WISQARS CDC WONDER Data Use Agreements Interagency Agreements Other	
9	For what reasons have you accessed NCHS data or publications in the past? (Check all that apply)	To obtain statistics on a health topic To download a specific report, publication, or data table To download public use micro-data files or obtain information about these files To identify survey methods or data collection forms to apply to your own research Other (please specify)	
10	For what purposes did you access NCHS data or publications? (Check all that	Academic research Health program planning, administration or evaluation To inform/develop policy or legislation	

	apply)	Media/journalism Market research/product development Personal interest School project Work project Other (please specify)	
11	Have you obtained health statistics from publications or reports that included the following data sources in the last 12 months? (Check all that apply)	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) National Vital Statistics System (NVSS, birth or death data) National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) National Post-Acute Long-Term Care Survey (NPALS) (formerly National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP)) National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS) National Electronic Health Records Survey (NEHRS) None of the above Don't know/not applicable	
12	Have you obtained NCHS data files to analyze any of the following data sources in the last 12 months? (Check all that apply)	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) National Vital Statistics System (NVSS, birth or death data) National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) National Post-Acute Long-Term Care Survey (NPALS) (formerly National Study of Long-Term Care Providers	

		(NSLTCP)) National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS) National Electronic Health Records Survey (NEHRS) None of the above Don't know/not applicable	
13	If NCHS could do one thing to improve their health data or publications for you personally, what would that be?	Open Text	Skip to Q16
14	Are you familiar with any of these NCHS publications or resources? (Check all that apply)	Data Briefs Health E-Stats Health, United States Healthy People National Health Statistics Reports National Vital Statistics Reports Vital and Health Statistics Series Vital Statistics Rapid Release Visual Abstracts Research Data Center (RDC) CDC WISQARS CDC WONDER NCHS Website Other (specify) I am not familiar with any of these	
15	Do you have suggestions on how we can increase your potential use of NCHS health data or publications?	Open Text	
16	Which best describes your occupation?	Academic researcher/scientist Educator Health care provider	

		Legal professional Market researcher, analyst, or consultant Media professional Policymaker or advocate Public health practitioner Retiree Student Other (please specify)	
17	How would you best describe your organization?	Academic/research institution Federal government For-profit/private industry Healthcare Media/Journalism Non-profit advocacy or policy organization State/local government Not affiliated with an organization	

Thank you for taking to time to help us understand your needs for health data and improve NCHS products and services.